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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/724,150 :
FILED: DECEMBER 1, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1756
FOR: DRY TONER :

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

As discussed with Examiner Mark Huff on October 4, 2007, Applicants submit herewith Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance. In response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 6, 2007, and the Communication dated August 23, 2007, Applicants note that the reference cited in the European Office Action (which was submitted via IDS on April 5, 2007), had already been considered by the Examiner. As stated in the IDS under "References", EP 1243976 was already considered by the Examiner on February 27, 2005. Thus, no new consideration was required.

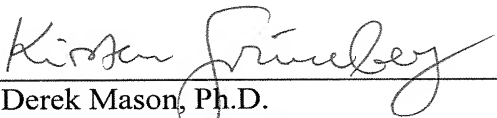
Applicants submit that the application remains in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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